



# Welcome to **OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH**

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*We acknowledge and respect the living culture of the Giabal and Jarowair peoples, past, present and emerging, the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet.*

## **Sunday, 15th November 2020 33rd Sunday Ordinary Time - Year A**

### **First Reading**

[Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31](#)

A reading from the book of Proverbs

A perfect wife – who can find her?

She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life.

She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle.

She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise.

Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

[Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1](#)

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. (R.)
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. (R.)
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. (R.)

### **Second Reading**

[1 Thes 5:1-6](#)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

[Jn 15:4, 5](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

### **Gospel**

[Mt 25:14-30](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the

same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

**Next Week's Readings (22nd November 2020) Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe- Year A**

**1st Reading: Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 Gospel: Mt 25:31-46**

## Parish Activities

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** - on hold until further notice.

**BAPTISM** information nights are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month. Please phone the office if you wish to attend.

**LOURDES PRAYER GROUP** - meet after the 10am Mass every Tuesday.

**LITURGY GROUP** - meet every 4th Monday of the month at 7:00pm in the presbytery.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL** - meet fortnightly on Thursday mornings in the quiet room at the church at 8:00am.

**CRAFT & FRIENDSHIP GROUP** - meet every Thursday at 10:00am in the quiet room at the church.

**ECUMENISM GROUP** - meet the fourth Saturday of each month at 9:30am in the Children's Liturgy Room followed by a cuppa.

**PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN M'TEA GROUP** - on hold until further notice.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** - Friday afternoons in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel from 1:00pm - 5:30pm.

**MEDITATION** - on hold until further notice.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE** - meet 1st Sunday of the month at 10:30am in the quiet room of the Church.

## Parish Councillors

Sue Whitelegg, Robie Jayawardhana, John Dwan, Leisa Fanning, Leigh Brady, Rosie Glassey, Julius Soriano, Jasmine Quinlan and Brian Roberts.

## Parish Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Representatives:

Our Parish is committed to supporting the right of everybody to be and feel safe. Concerns about the safety of children or vulnerable persons may be raised with our Parish Safeguarding Representatives (**Joe & Sarah Kelly 0437 839 838**). If you believe anybody is at immediate risk of harm you should phone 000. Further details of safeguarding procedures can be found on the noticeboard.

### GOSPEL FOCUS

#### Such a talent!

*In its original usage, a 'talent' was a measure of weight. It came to designate a weight measure of silver. One talent was roughly equivalent to a labourer's wages for 10 years. It was a huge amount of money! Due largely to the reference in this gospel parable the word eventually came to its more common meaning of a special natural ability. Although in its original use in the gospel, 'talent' meant nothing more than a large sum of money, it is a happy development of language that makes this scripture passage such a favourite of teachers and teen retreat providers!*

### Reflection...

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It is not enough that we wait patiently. We are expected to be industrious as we await the advent of the reign of God. We have all been entrusted with talents that really belong to God, and we must use these talents to the best of our ability in the interim between the Lord's departure and his final return. The ideal wisdom figure in the first reading is a model of such industriousness.

Fidelity to the reign of God requires that we be willing to take risks. We do not know the time of the Lord's coming, and so there will have to be a kind of tentativeness to all of our plans. We will never be able to be certain that they will be brought to fruition. We must spend and be spent without the assurance that we will be able to reap the rewards of our investment. To refuse to risk is to refuse to trust.

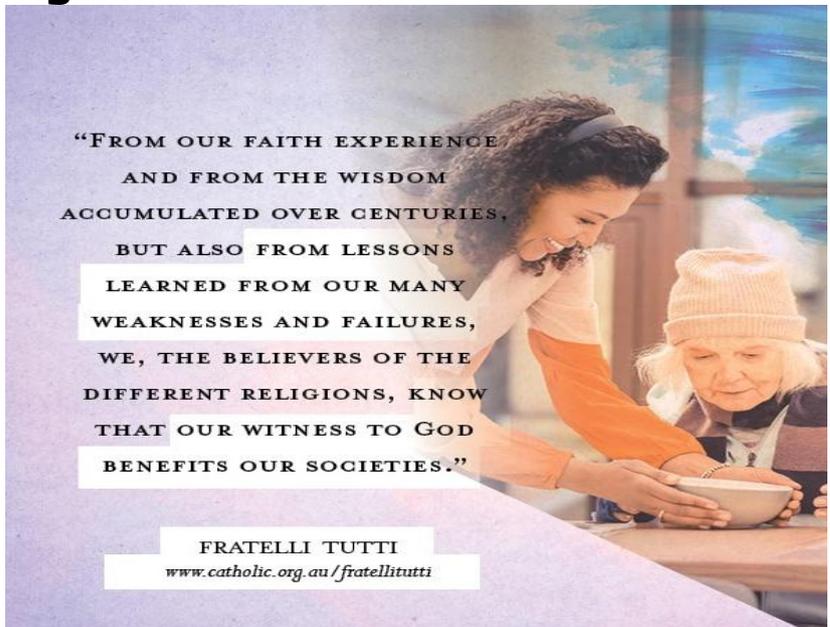
If we have been wise and have industriously employed the Lord's talents, which were entrusted to us, we will be richly rewarded. However, if we have not realised the potential that is possessed by our talents, and if we have not employed them as they were meant to be employed, we will be punished. The foolish man in the gospel knew that the householder was exacting. He had some idea of what to expect. He made his choice and he had to accept the consequences of that choice.

### LIVING THE GOSPEL

#### Bring forth the Kingdom.

*Like the original audience of Matthew's gospel, we can sometimes rely too much on God to bring about the Kingdom in our world. Like the lazy servant in the gospel, we can fall into the trap of handing the world back to God in exactly the same condition that we received it. We have to make a difference in the world! We are called to change the world and bring it closer to the realisation of the Kingdom. The only way that we can do that it is to live our lives as if the Kingdom is already here.*

### Thought of the week...



“FROM OUR FAITH EXPERIENCE  
AND FROM THE WISDOM  
ACCUMULATED OVER CENTURIES,  
BUT ALSO FROM LESSONS  
LEARNED FROM OUR MANY  
WEAKNESSES AND FAILURES,  
WE, THE BELIEVERS OF THE  
DIFFERENT RELIGIONS, KNOW  
THAT OUR WITNESS TO GOD  
BENEFITS OUR SOCIETIES.”

FRATELLI TUTTI

[www.catholic.org.au/fratellitutti](http://www.catholic.org.au/fratellitutti)

## Please Pray For...

**Recent Deaths:** Timothy Sheedy, Terry Kelly, Jim Maher

**Anniversaries:** Sr Joan MacGinley, Colleen Alloway, Agnes 'Mary' Collins, Mary Cosgrove, Kathleen Humphrey, Fr Peter Murphy, Lillian McCormack.

**Those Who Are Sick:** Noela Vonhoff, Charles Shann, Ron Blades, Fr Don Murray, Sr Maureen Hickling MSS, Judy Reardon, Carol Griffiths, Delima Faigl, Ava Bateman, Marlene Green, Peggy Thies, Lillian Roberts, Colleen Lynch, Don Gallaway, Patricia Lucas, David Martin, Vince Nugent, Cathy Smith, Maureen Butler, Damian Laurence, Patty Ryan, Valarie Reibelt, John Axtell, Ted Schulz, Noel O'Mara, Mick O'Mara, Patricia & Patrick Wright, Barbara Jimmieson, Tanya Prince.

**November Birthdays:** Fr Costigan, Sr Marie Carroll, Helen Stein, Cathy Morris, Marg Roessler, Kev Roberts, Margaret McNab, Jenny McDonald, Frank Jones.

## Working Bee – This Saturday 14 Nov

8am-11am. Morning Tea provided. Please bring your tools, utes, trailers etc. Many hands make light work. Thanks in advance.



## Ipad Operators Needed

Now that you have all mastered booking yourselves into Mass, maybe you could consider learning how to do the Ipad. Please contact the Parish Office to organise training.

## Seniors' Christmas Party

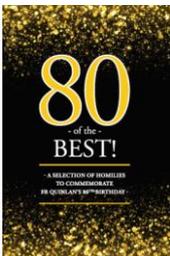
As with most other things planned this year, the Seniors' Christmas Party has also been cancelled. We look forward to a much brighter, COVID-free 2021.

**Little Blue Books** for Advent - \$1.80 each. Pick up your copy at the church entrance.

## Christmas Celebrations:

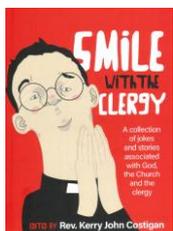
- Individual Reconciliation  
**December 8th, 15th, 22nd after 10am Mass and 6th, 13th, and 20th at 4:45pm.**
- Communal Reconciliation - ONLINE BOOKINGS OPEN  
**Monday 14th Dec: 10am & 7.30pm**
- Christmas Masses - SALO CENTRE  
**Thursday 24th Dec: 5pm & 7.30pm**  
**Friday 25th: 8am**
- Christmas Mass Set Up  
**Sunday 20th Dec at 10.30am Salo Centre**

## 80 of the Best... A great Christmas gift!



The Parish has put together a very special book of 80 of Fr Quinlan's best homilies. This small selection of his much appreciated homilies has been compiled to mark the occasion of his 80th birthday. Copies can be purchased for \$15 each from the office.

**Christmas Gifts** You are invited by the Sisters of St. Peter Claver, 71 Margaret Street, to buy your Christmas gifts from them and so also benefit the missions. Because their Cent Sales had to be cancelled this year they have many beautiful Christmas gifts available.



**Fr Costigan** has published a small book - a collection of jokes and stories about priests and the Church. Books can be purchased at the Parish Office for \$20. Any profits will be used to assist sick and elderly priests of the Diocese of Toowoomba.



## Christmas Celebrations for 2020

- ❖ 3 Christmas Masses will be celebrated this year.
  - Christmas Eve 5pm & 7.30pm
  - Christmas Day at 8am
- ❖ All Christmas Masses will be held at St Ursula's College Salo Centre Rome Street.
- ❖ Numbers for Masses will be limited to 260 to maintain 4m<sup>2</sup> per person.
- ❖ A booking must be made for all masses. No booking - no seat.
- ❖ An on-line booking system will be available from Friday November 27<sup>th</sup> until Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.
- ❖ **Please start discussions now with your family members or friends re attending Christmas Masses. Over-booking (just in case) will prevent someone else being able to attend.**
- ❖ Separate bookings must be made for different households.
- ❖ A drop of zone will be available adjacent the ramp.
- ❖ Hand Sanitiser must be applied on arrival.
- ❖ Names will be marked of the attendance sheet on entry.
- ❖ Seating will be allocated. Ushers will show you to your seat.
- ❖ To allow for social distancing 3 chairs must be left vacant between different households.

## Living Liturgy Resources

**Ready, Set, Pray!** - a new free resource from the Proclaim Office, Archdiocese of Melbourne  
<https://bit.ly/ReadySetPray>

The Ready, Set, Pray! Children's Liturgy of the Word @ Home video series has been created to provide an engaging space for families to encounter Jesus through the Sunday gospel. Each week includes an invitation for families to create and gather in their own prayer space, to sing, hear the Gospel, pray and respond creatively through an activity.

**CathKids (from CathFamily)** - CathKids is weekly interactive experience with a short animated video on the Sunday reading, questions to stimulate discussion, a simple activity and prayer. It's perfect for use in the classroom, in children's liturgy and at home. Can be used in groups facilitated by an adult or in self-directed exploration by children aged 7-12.  
<https://cathfamily.org/cathkids-faith-unlimited/>

## November - The Month of Remembrance.

Throughout the month of November we take time to remember our departed family and friends at home and in the parish community. Remembrance and gratitude are closely linked. We take time to remember with thanks those who have gone before us in faith, and upon whose shoulders we stand. We might remember also loved pets who shared the life of our family, and whose ever faithful love and loyalty teach us a valuable lesson about our own human lives. The feast of All Souls (and the month of November) is not a time of sadness, but one of great hope and confidence. It invites us to entrust our dead to God, because we know that they are really God's dead. We know that if we have loved them, God has loved them more. They are in God's care, and like a good shepherd God will lead them to peace. November Mass Offering envelopes are available at the back of the church for those interested.

## School RE News

We are calling for donations for our Mini Vinnies Christmas Appeal- this year we are asking for donations of gift cards. Please send in gift cards from grocery stores, toy stores, variety stores and pharmacies. We will send these to our St Vincent De Paul Conference for distribution amongst the less fortunate in our parish community. Over the next month we will be preparing for the final assembly for the Yr 6 students and also the OLOL End of Year Mass.



## COME & PLAY DAY Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 8.30am – 10am

Our last Come and Play Day for 2020 will be held on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> November. Children and families are invited to come along to meet the staff, check out the Kindy, and enjoy the opportunity to play. Everyone is welcome, including new families wanting to find out more about our Kindy, and children already enrolled for 2021 and beyond. If you are considering enrolling for 2021, please contact Little Miracles to secure a position as the enrolment process for 2021 has commenced.

## Diocesan eNews...

### FACILITATED GROUP REFLECTION - THE UNIVERSAL CHRIST

**Date:** December 2020 to March 2021

**Time:** 5:30pm to 7:00pm (approx)

**Where:** Sychar, 69 Margaret Street Tmba

**RSVP:** 2/11/20 Thursday [Book via TryBooking](#)

Men are warmly invited to participate in a facilitated group reflection on 'The Universal Christ' by Richard Rohr. The sessions will take place from early December 2020 to March 2021. The program will be led by Mark Copland, Mission Executive at St Vincent's Hospital. Mark participated in a similar reflection group at Sychar earlier this year. [See flyer for listing of all session dates and further details.](#)

### RESOURCES: CARITAS

#### Natural Disasters in Philippines, Vietnam and Cambodia

There is a serious disaster unfolding across the Philippines, Vietnam and Cambodia. Hundreds of thousands of people have been displaced by flooding, landslides and two back-to-back typhoons. The second of these typhoons, Super Typhoon Goni (Rolly), was the strongest tropical storm since Typhoon Haiyan in 2013. All of this is complicated by COVID-19, which has made fleeing to evacuation centres a serious risk for the vulnerable. [Donate today at www.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413 toll free.](#)

#### Global Gifts & Caritas Christmas Appeal

Caritas Australia is once again launching Global Gifts. Global Gift is a special Christmas card that gives twice. First, donations for the cards will help families struggling with poverty and injustice. Second, your card will bring a smile to someone you love. [Please see the attached bulletin notice for Global Gifts.](#)

#### New Resources

[7 Questions to Guide Reflection on Integral Ecology & Reflection Cards](#)

A new resource has recently been uploaded to our website which is a tool for parishes and schools to embed integral ecology in to all their activities. The reflection cards are proving to be popular for prayerful thought and reflection around integral ecology also. [7 Questions to Guide Reflection on Integral Ecology](#) found [here](#) and Reflection Cards found [here](#).

## Aid to the Church in Need

**Masses for the Holy Souls:** During the month of November *Aid to the Church in Need* is encouraging the faithful to arrange Masses on behalf of loved ones and for the souls that have nobody to pray for them.

Find out more: [www.aidtochurch.org/november](http://www.aidtochurch.org/november)

**Gifts of Faith:** A Gift of Faith is a Christmas present given in place of a material gift. You can arrange multiple Gifts of Faith for children, grandchildren, godchildren, siblings, cousins, co-workers, friends and parishioners.

Find out more: [www.thatcatholicshop.com/giftsoffait](http://www.thatcatholicshop.com/giftsoffait)

## Next Week's Roster...

Time	Welcomers	Commentator	Ministers of the Word	Extraordinary Minister	Ipad Operator	Sanitising Squad	Piety Stall
21 <sup>st</sup> Nov 6.00pm	P & J O'Sullivan	B Witham	Z Lasserre S Lasserre	Sr N Doyle	C Ferguson	C Ferguson D Morrow	K Dangerfield
22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov 8am	N Ryan family	L Bentley	J Coman J Coonan	S Connolly	E Dever	Poulton family	
22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov 9.30am	Fuller family	Consie Hudson	P Murphy M Conrick	Clyde Hudson	C & J Anderson	K Pasterfield M Conrick	R Coonan
22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov 5.30pm	Roberts family	C Smith	C Golightly V O'Connell	J Smith	A Hickey	Bambosek family	S Whitelegg